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**To:** FS-comments-northern-helena  
**Subject:** Mike Horse Mine

To Whom it May Concern;

My name is Maureen Fisher and I live on Flesher Pass also known as Highway 279 near mile post 37, Lincoln, MT. I live approximately 1/2 mile from the proposed repository site off of hwy 279. My family and my husbands family have been residents of this property since 1948. We have seen it all!! Please leave us with some dignity and purpose of a future for us and the generations that follow.

Even though I am now a senior citizen and a widow with very limited financial means. I am very concerned about the prospect of removing the tailings from the Mike Horse and transporting them to a site near my front yard. Not only will it hurt all of the residents financially by having the value of our property diminished, but also harming the environment.

To me this is a great injustice to all of the residents and all of the folks that have enjoyed our beautiful countryside, now and for the future. This will become another source of neglect, an eyesore for all who travel through, and disturbing of a pristine wild land for the Golden and American Eagles, Moose, Elk, Deer, Bear, and numerous other wildlife.

Disturbing these mine tailings has caused a great deal of trauma to the waters of not only the Blackfoot River, but of all the little tributaries leading into it. I realize that mining is the largest part of our history and wealth of our great State of Montana. We have done a very poor job of taking care of and protecting what we already have in place. I feel that it is time to take a look at our misgivings and pray that we can come up with better solutions to old problems.

The Mike Horse has long been a detriment to the Blackfoot Valley and everything down stream from it. Why can't we just leave it from hense it came? There are many, many miles of tunnels that are a potential hazard to all who live within any area of the Blackfoot River. Why not implode these miles and miles of tunnels of the old mine and place all of the tailings back to where it came from in the first place? We already are living with the old dump site and much of Montana's future has been spent financially on trying to fix something that cannot be fixed by just moving it somewhere else!!!!

Enough said..... And my opinion for What it is Worth!! Please Pray that what we do from here on is acceptable for the betterment of the future.

Sincerely,  
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